

### REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 16 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 12, and 15 being canceled, and claims 13 and 14 being amended. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims, as amended and as added, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being direction to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is moot with respect to Claim 12, and is overcome with respect to Claims 13 and 14 in view of the amendments to the claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6, 9, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanji (JP 10-320194). This rejection is moot in view of the canceled claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 2 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanji. This rejection is moot in view of the canceled claims.

Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 16 are indicated as in condition for allowance.


In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowability is solicited.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Deputy to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 393032027800.

Respectfully submitted,

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